



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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SANTA ANITA PARK

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WEEK 9 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019, THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019.

WEDNESDAY

02/20/19¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

The racing office was open accepting program changes for Friday, February 22. All changes were sent to the program printer at 10:00 a.m. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty.

THURSDAY

02/21/19¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, February 24. Nine (9) races were drawn and sixty (60) horses are scheduled to start. Official scratch time for February 22 was today at 10:00 a.m. Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty.

FRIDAY

02/22/19¹

STEWARD CHANGE

Regular Safety Steward Ron Church replaces Steward Kim Sawyer who is off for personal reasons. Paul Atkinson will fill in as Safety Steward.

02/22/19²

NEW POST TIME

For the first time this meet, post time for the first race is 1:00 p.m.

02/22/19³

NEW COURSE RECORD

The Mark Glatt trained 'EDDIE HASKELL' set a 'new course record' (NCR) in today's first race at Santa Anita. With Joel Rosario in the irons, this 6-year-old gelding covered the five (5)

furlong (turf) distance in a final time of 55.06 seconds. That time eclipses' the track record of 55.11 seconds set by 'Brandothebartender' on October 20, 2018.

02/22/19⁴

LARGE SHOW POOL

There was \$160,968 wagered in the show pool in today's first race. Of that amount \$143,618 was wagered on the prohibitive post time favorite (Odds 1/5) and 2018 Breeders' Cup champion #3 'STORMY LIBERAL'. The Peter Miller trained 'STORMY LIBERAL' finished second in this race.

02/22/19⁵

NINTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing a single horse accident on the far turn (3/8ths pole) of this 1 1/8 mile turf race. While racing near the rear of the pack #8 HOT AMERICAN was injured and unseated Jockey Tyler Baze. Jockey Baze was transported to First Aid and subsequently released. This was a single horse incident and no other horses were involved.

02/22/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2 nd Race Declaration	#4 LI'L GRAZEN (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Dana Stead DVM REFUND: \$1,034.97
2 nd Race	NO SHOW WAGERING
3 RD Race	#1 TWO FIFTY COUP (Tr. D. O'Neill) Unsound-Tim Grande DVM REFUND: \$722.68
3 rd Race	NO SHOW WAGERING
3 rd Race	#5 LEAD STAR (Tr. K. Desormeaux) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
4 th Race	#4 TIZ TOFFEE (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed, A. Marquez, trainer
7 th Race	#2 COOL GREEN (Tr. K. Desormeaux) claimed, A. Kitchingman, trainer
8 th Race	#2 FERGUSON (Tr. M. Jones) claimed, B. Koriner, trainer #4 SUPER DUPER COOPER (Tr. M. McCarthy) claimed, R. Baltas, trainer

02/22/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,081	\$687,072.89
SCOTWinc	4,170	\$1,427,045.09
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,148,544.19
Total	7,251	\$7,262,662.17

SATURDAY

02/23/19¹

STEWARD CHANGE

Steward Kim Sawyer is off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward Ron Church will fill in. Paul Atkinson will serve as Safety Steward.

02/23/19²

TACHYCARDIA STABLES COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 19SA0023)

Trainer Richard Baltas filed a complaint against Owner Brendan Bakir (dba Tachycardia Stables) for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The complaint reads as follows:

Owner Tachycardia Stables is indebted to Trainer Richard Baltas Racing Stable for training fees performed for thoroughbred race horses Lauren's Lad, Sir Valentine and Royal Albert Hall from April 1, 2018 to December 1, 2018. Total amount due is \$25,231.00.

CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen presented a nineteen (19) page complaint packet at today's hearing. Also present was Owner Brendan Bakir (Tachycardia Stables) and Trainer Richard Baltas who was accompanied by wife/bookkeeper Debbie Baltas. Steward Ron Church chaired the hearing. Hearing testimony indicated that Mr. Baltas and Mr. Bakir have had a business relationship for approximately eight (8) years. Mr. Bakir told the Stewards that he had a 'deal' (not documented) with Mr. Baltas. The latter told us that he bills his clients a flat daily training rate. There was no agreement on much of anything at this approximate one (1) hour informal hearing. Decision to follow.

02/23/19³

SIXTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the final furlong of this 6 ½ furlong turf event. Of particular interest were the actions of second place finisher #9 ALLEVA (Rafael Bejarano) and third place finisher #6 MOUNTAIN SPIRIT (Mike Smith). There was a 'nose' margin between these two (2) rivals at the finish. Race replays show #9 ALLEVA drift in and #6 MOUNTAIN SPIRIT drift out before both horses made significant contact in this races' later stages, which was contested at about 6 ½ furlongs on the turf. The Stewards felt that third place finisher #6 MOUNTAIN SPIRIT actually played a somewhat more significant role in the incident. After reviewing all camera angles, speaking to the jockeys involved and receiving a patrol judge report the Stewards made no change in the order of finish. Jockeys' Bejarano and Smith were ordered to film review with the Stewards.

02/23/19⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

3 rd Race	#1 PIED N TRUE (Tr. C. De Alba) claimed, M. Chew, trainer
5 th Race	#3 JACK'S A DIVA (Tr. W.E. Morey) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
6 th Race Declaration	#10 WORTHY TO STAND (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Unsound-Dana Stead DVM. REFUND: \$665.76
7 th Race	#1 TOUGH BUT NICE (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, H. Palma, trainer
7 th Race Ownership Change	#5 BARGAINING should read RM Racing Ent. Inc.
8 th Race Declaration	#3 ZAFFINAH (IRE) (Tr. J. Carava) Stake-Stewards. REFUND: \$2,932.96
8 th Race Ownership	#8 ELYSEA'S WORLD (IRE) should read Abbodanza Racing LLC
9 th RACE	#1 IMPRESSION (Tr. W.E. Morey) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
10 th Race	#3 TAMMY'S WINDOW (Tr. J. Carava) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer

02/23/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,440	\$1,486,404.62
SCOTWinc	5,920	\$2,277,481.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,892,332.79
Total	14,360	\$12,656,219.16

SUNDAY

02/24/19¹

STEWARDS CHANGES

Steward Kim Sawyer and Safety Steward Ron Church are off today for personal reasons. Scott Chaney will fill in as Steward, Paul Atkinson will work the Safety Steward post.

02/24/19²

RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW (REF: 02/23/19³)

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride aboard ALLEVA who finished second in the sixth race yesterday February 23. There was a Stewards' Inquiry conducted into the running of this race. Film review shows #9 ALLEVA racing

erratically in the final 16th mile of this race. This somewhat contributed to a bumping incident with third place finisher #6 MOUNTAIN SPIRIT (Mike Smith). Jockey Bejarano was cautioned to keep a straight course in the home stretch. Warning Issued.

02/24/19³

MIKE SMITH FILM REVIEW (02/23/19³)

Jockey MIKE SMITH attended a film review of the aforementioned sixth race from Saturday, February 23. He was aboard third place finisher #9 MOUNTAIN SPIRIT, who drifted out and made contact with second place finisher #6 ALLEVA (Rafael Bejarano). Jockey Smith was using his left handed riding crop while drifting out. His actions were more significant than that of Jockey Bejarano as far as contributing to the bump. Jockey Smith was excused with a 'warning' following this ride in what was a unanimous decision.

02/24/19⁴

RULING FREE WEEK

For the first time in recent memory there were not any official rulings submitted by the Stewards this week. This racing week consisted of three (3) days.

02/24/19⁵

INTERN VISIT

Hugh Drexler is an Intern from the RTIP (Race Track Industry Program) at the University of Arizona (Tucson). Santa Anita has allowed him to work in many of the departments they have here. Today this inquisitive gentleman spent a portion of the day with the Stewards.

02/24/19⁶

SECOND RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards' called for a 'Stewards Review' in order to review the start of the second race which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Seventh place finisher #4 SOONER BETTER (S. Arias) stumbled very badly nearly unseating Jockey Saul Arias. After a short film review the Stewards unanimously ruled that there was no reason to conduct a full Stewards' Inquiry.

02/24/19⁷

NINTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards announced that a Stewards' Review would be conducted into the start of today's ninth race which was contested a one (1) mile on the infield turf course. Of interest were the actions of eventual seventh place finisher #2 AUSSIE FOX (Joel Rosario). As Head Starter Jay Slender dispatched the field of ten (10) #2 AUSSIE FOX was very tardy breaking and was well behind the field after the start. Starter Slender, who had the best vantage point standing in proximity to the starting gate, was asked by the Stewards for input he might have. He responded on two-way radio telling the Stewards "Take a look at it, you got a TV". Following film review the Stewards made the race official as there appeared to be no gate malfunction or human error.

02/24/19⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

7th Race #6 KAZAN (IRE) (Tr. S. Callaghan) claimed, W.E. Morey, trainer

02/24/19⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,565	\$1,260,368.24
SCOTWinc	5,285	\$1,847,610.03
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,748,064.72
Total	11,850	\$9,856,042.99

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/18/19 - 2/24/19

Horses on Vet List 5
Horses off Vet List 13
Shock Wave Therapy 17
Fatalities 4
Medication 0

**SUMMARY
2019**

	Fri 2/22	Sat 2/23	Sun 2/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	6
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	1	2	36
Claims	3	6	1	10	131
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	21
Refunds	2	2	0	4	268
Rulings	0	0	0	0	49
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	29

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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